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Alaska State Legislature

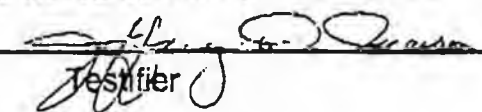
Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
committee name

committee on HB 312, dated 3/7/2000
bill/subject

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER AT KCAW IN SITKA SINCE 1985. AS SO MANY OTHERS HAVE DONE I HAVE INVESTED HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS AND MANY HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC RADIO. IT WILL BE NO SURPRISE THAT I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING.

I HAVE INVESTED IN PUBLIC BROADCASTING, BECAUSE I RELY ON KCAW FOR LOCAL NEWS & WEATHER AND UPON THE COAST ALASKA AND ALASKA PUBLIC RADIO NETWORKS FOR STATE AND REGIONAL NEWS. SINCE BECOMING INVOLVED IN OUR STATION, I HAVE SEEN THE STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPOND TO ONE BUDGET CUT AFTER ANOTHER WITH CREATIVE AND INOVATIVE APPROACHES TO KEEP THE STATION ON THE AIR. THE PROPOSED CUTS WILL DESTROY THAT HARD WORK AND THE LOCAL, STATE, AND REGIONAL PROGRAMMING THAT SO MANY DEPEND ON.

WE ALL KNOW THAT AN INFORMED CITIZENRY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. PUBLIC BROADCASTING FILLS A NEED THAT COMMERCIAL BROADCASTERS, PRINT MEDIA, AND THE INTERNET CANNOT. ONLY PUBLIC BROADCASTING BRINGS TOGETHER THE VOICES AND CONCERNS OF INDIVIDUALS ACROSS OUR STATE. PUBLIC BROADCASTING CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TOWARDS KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED AND STRENGTHENS PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT.

Signed:  (JEFFREY D. PEARSON)
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Leg. Finance Committee (House)
committee name

committee on House Bill 312, dated 3-5-00
bill/subject

In regard to the cutting of funding for the Public Broadcasting System. I have lived in the Southern States in Rural sites. Public Radio was important but here in S.E. Alaska it is completely different - here it is vital. The Public Radio stations fill a gap or spot which other media like Newspaper and TV can not and do not fill. Cutting funding will impact the whole community, Everything from City Council Meeting to Timely weather warnings come from our S.E. Alaska stations. The fishing community depend on the radio for messages weather. etc. The local Sitka station KCAW helps with Educational projects for the school children which could not be replaced by any other method or media. Cutting funding will cause these stations to lose Federal matching funds, and result in actual station closing. Please restore the funding level to at least that of last year.

Signed: Dr. Jerry Z. Ainsworth
Testifier

Restoring Funding to Public Broadcasting
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee name
 committee on HB312 Operating Budget ^{HB313}, dated 3/4/00
 bill/subject

Raven Radio, KCAW in Sitka is heard by almost 4,000 people each week. 90 people volunteer at the station each week. Sitka, Kake, Angoon, Tenakee Springs, Pelican, Port Alexander, Yakutat and Elfin Cove ~~is~~ provide over \$140,000 to the station each year. KCAW is an active member of Coast Alaska, Southeast Community Radio Collaboration designed to provide basic community radio service at an effective cost.

Signed: [Signature]
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
 committee name
 committee on HB 312, dated 3/04/00
 bill/subject

TO: THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE ELDON MULDER:

PUBLIC RADIO & PUBLIC BROADCASTING ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IN THE FREE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION IN OUR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS REPRESENTATIVE VOICE OF THE NON-COMMERCIAL ELEMENT OF OUR ALASKAN COMMUNITIES, MUST BE PRESERVED, FULLY FUNDED & SUPPORTED.

WE MUST MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING FUNDING.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

Signed: Fred Knowles FRED KNOWLES
 Testifier

MY FAMILY OF 3
 Representing (Optional)

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Martina Kurzer, P.O. Box 6001, Sitka AK 99835
March 2, 2000

The Honorable Eldon Mulder
Alaska State House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

Fax. 465.3518

Funding cuts for Public Broadcasting

Dear Mr. Mulder,

I am outraged that the House Finance Committee voted to cut a substantial amount in state funding for public broadcasting. Funding levels for public radio stations have already been cut in recent years.

Further reductions threaten the existence of the extremely important service and will waste the opportunity for a far greater amount of federal funding.

Alaska's public radio system connects rural communities and keeps them in touch with the world. Nothing can replace that.

Per capita contributions for the public radio station in Sitka is already the highest in the nation. The state wide information highway should be funded like any other highway.

Please don't cut funding!

Martina Kurzer



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Finance Committee

committee name

committee on

funding for public

dated

3-4-00

bill/subject radio

As a senior citizen (age 82) I'm asking you please not to cut funding for public radio. The local and state news is very important and we don't get it any where in our community but our public ~~radio~~ radio station. I am no longer able to drive after dark but I can hear the City Assembly meetings broadcast by public radio - also other meetings and call in programs. Public radio is a way that people of all ages are able to keep up with local, state, national affairs. As a senior citizen let me assure that public radio is one of ^{my} last programs I want to see cut away. The local financial support of our Raven Radio KCAW - indicates how important the station is to our local citizenry but we cannot keep our station afloat with local funds only. State cuts also mean Federal cuts.

Signed:

Eleanor J. Smith

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee name
 committee on Public Radio, dated March 4, 2000
 bill/subject

Dear Sirs & Ms Phillips

Please don't cut public Radio. as a President of Bush Alaska for 15 years - The summer were our lifeline to the rest of the world - These cuts with many if not most of the stations may make them go off the air -

As a member (paying of a number) of public radio urban + rural please Don't make these cuts!

Signed: Susan Stanford
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 committee name
 committee on Funding Public Radio, dated March 4, 2000
 bill/subject

I have been a listener of public radio for 20 years, and have contributed financially for the past 12 years. I see no greater, single impact on our community than the contribution of public radio. It is an essential part of my being connected to the rest of the country and my community. I do not receive TV, nor listen to commercial radio - greatly prefer public radio to newspaper, which we receive only late in the p.m. Public radio is a crucial link for our communities in Southeast AK. It would profoundly impact the quality of life for me living here in Sitka. I urge you to continue funding public radio in Alaska, a critical link for this large, disconnected state.

Signed: Sara Bruhl
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Public Broadcasting committee name
UA Funding
 committee on Permanent Fund Div., dated March 4, 2000
Permanent Fund Div. bill/subject

- Public Broadcasting - As a member of a small community in Southeast, I feel that cutting public broadcasting would significantly decrease the quality of life and potentially endanger our citizens. For many Southeast communities, public radio is a crucial link to the world outside. We rely on radio for news, instructions in emergencies, marine weather reports for our fishing and travel needs, entertainment, information, and inter-community communication. Please consider ~~our~~ small, isolated communities and do not cut funding to public broadcasting.
- UA Funding - Our educational system is the backbone of our economy. Cutting funding here would be to cut Alaska's own lifeline of it's economic future. We must invest in our natural resources - and training our citizens is the most important ~~one~~ step.
- Permanent Fund - I and many of my friends & colleagues would gladly pay a state income tax before tampering w/ the permanent fund, it is our responsibility as citizens ~~to~~ and as individual to support the whole. Please help us to help ourselves!
 Thank you.

Signed: [Signature] Ludmela Konshin
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name
 committee on Public Radio Funding, dated March 4, 2000.
bill/subject

I'm here to let you know I strongly oppose cuts to public broadcasting funding. These seemingly insignificant cuts would result in enormous cuts in federal funding as well, with devastating effects on our public radio stations. When I first came to Alaska, I was really impressed with public broadcasting in this state. As I travelled around the state, I spent time in a huge number of places where public radio was the only radio. It is a vital tie for keeping our ~~community~~ communities together and keeping people close when distances are great. I hope you seriously consider this response when you make a final vote on the issue. P.S. I support an income tax if it means not cutting these important public services.

Signed: Sarah Ferrence Sarah Ferrence
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on Finance Bill 312, dated _____
bill/subject

I am signed up to testify on the impact that this budget plan will have on the Sheldon Jackson Museum but I also feel strongly about the proposed budget cuts to public broadcasting. This is an absolutely essential community service in all Alaskan communities, but especially for small/rural communities. The public shows its strong support for public broadcasting by raising a substantial proportion of funding through donations and grants. Please support public broadcasting.

Signed: Kristen Griffin Kristen Griffin
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 committee name
 committee on Funding for Public Radio, dated March 4, 2000
 bill/subject

Thank you for the opportunity to make our voices heard on this subject of funding cuts for Public Radio. In Southeast Alaska Public radio is the heart of many of our communities. Without it, and without adequate funding, it would be detrimental to the people for which it serves. Radio is what links many of these communities to the outside world and to each other. Fishermen rely on it for weather information, which could mean life and death in some situations. In Sitka, we have shown our support every year by locally raising more money among individuals and businesses than what our state grant actually is. I believe that if a community with 8,500 people can raise \$100,000 among individuals, \$40,000 among businesses and \$20,000 from other sources, it is a major slap in the face for the House Finance Committee to cut our grant. We are doing our part, please do yours.

Signed: Joanne Sue Hitchcock

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Raven Radio KCAW

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Thank you.

Transcript of testimony to state House Finance Committee by William De Armond, presented by teleconference 4 March 2000. My residence is at 419C Lincoln Street (Mail: P.O. Box 6044), Sitka, AK, 99835, telephone (907) 966-2367 home, (907) 966-2304 work, (907) 966-2305 fax, e-mail: southcastersitka@alaska.com

I have been an employee of community radio station KCAW, Raven Radio, here in the past, but am no longer; that is, my paycheck doesn't depend on public radio and I have no financial interest in this matter. I do have a great personal interest as a listener who depends on public radio for news and information.

THERE ARE A LOT OF DIVISIONS IN ALASKAN SOCIETY THESE DAYS - BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL, WHITE AND NATIVE, SUBSISTENCE AND SPORT/COMMERCIAL, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, TOURISTS AND LOCALS, TO NAME JUST A FEW AREAS, AND THE SPLITS ARE GROWING DEEPER AND WIDER. PUBLIC RADIO IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW INSTITUTIONS THAT BRIDGES THOSE GAPS, HOLDS THE FABRIC OF ALASKAN SOCIETY TOGETHER, DRAWS PEOPLE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER RATHER THAN DRIVES THEM APART. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE EXPLOITING THOSE DIVISIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF OUR STATE FOR THEIR OWN SHAMEFUL ENDS. TRYING TO CREATE A FURTHER SPLIT BY ATTEMPTING TO PIT THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC RADIO AGAINST THE NEEDS OF OTHER ALASKANS IS CONTEMPTIBLE. DON'T FALL FOR IT, DON'T LET IT HAPPEN. DON'T CUT STATE SPENDING FURTHER, BUT INCREASE IT. PUBLIC RADIO IS CHEAP AT THE PRESENT PRICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA. IT WOULD STILL BE CHEAP AT MANY TIMES THE CURRENT LEVEL OF STATE SUPPORT.

Public broadcasting (radio and television) is a lifeline for tens of thousands of Alaskans. It connects us to the world of information and ideas and acts as a source of continuing education. Public broadcasting is the heart which conveys the flow of vital information, the bloodline linking the state and the state with the world.

Rural Alaskans are unable to obtain this quality and level of information by any other means. Alaskans would be unable to keep up with the information age without public broadcasting remaining financially viable.

After suffering drastic reductions for the past 14 years, public broadcasting is absolutely bare bones, lean and streamline. Further cuts threaten its very existence, and will cause us to lose this vital link.

Permanently remove public broadcasting from your chopping block. Streamline at the top of State bureaucracy, i.e. the thick layers of administrators. Recognize the absolutely essential service that public broadcasting provides ALL Alaskans by enriching our minds and lives. DO NOT cut funding any further and send us back to the dark ages. Keep us growing, keep us linked, keep our heart healthy and bringing us a steady flow of information.

Thank you for considering my input in your decision making.

Sincerely,


Lynne McGowan

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on HB312 , dated _____
bill/subject

As you consider how to allocate the state resources, I urge you to

① continue to fund public broadcasting at a level which equals or improves the monies which they received in the last fiscal year. Our family contributes faithfully each year into memberships of both public television and public radio - we have done this for years. Some families, however, are not able to support it. In a state with wide geographic distances and low population, public broadcasting is one of those very special threads which help hold our state together in a spirit of community. Please do not cut state funding of Public Broadcasting.

Signed: David M. Busey
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name
committee on HB 312, dated 3-4-2000
bill/subject

Please do not cut funding to Alaska Public Radio by \$100,000 or even by \$40,000. This communication, information, and entertainment link is vital to remote Alaska (which is essentially all of Alaska's cities and villages except Anchorage and Juneau).
Public Radio in Alaska needs to THRIVE. It is already receiving significant support from volunteer donations and from people volunteering time on programs.
We would support a cap on the Dividend or a 2% state sales tax to provide essential public facilities and programs such as Public Radio.

Signed: Richard & Alice Smith
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 committee on Public radio & ^{Social Services} cuts, dated 3/4/00
 bill/subject

Cutting funding to public radio is penny smart & pound foolish. The proposed cuts would result in reduction of federal grants, of about \$1 million, resulting in many stations needing to close. In S.E. Alaska, the stations have taken all the steps they possibly could to save the stations, by combining into the formation of Coast Alaska. By doing so the stations share admin. costs. The stations now operate with bare bone staffs. Local fundraising at this point in Sitka, brings in more \$ than the state gives us. There is no more \$ to be gotten there. Our community radio station provides vital services to this community with local news, marine forecasts and with volunteers upward of 80 people, providing the bulk of the programming. The station provides training to ~~volunteer~~ volunteers. It helps strengthen the fabric of the community.

we need new revenues in the state. govt. cuts are no back

Signed: Libby Stortz
 Testifier LIBBY STORTZ

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There is no longer any tax to cut. You are eviscerating the very fabric of the community. What point is there for gov't other than improving the lives of the citizens? We need an income tax.

Proposed cuts to domestic violence, mental health & drug/alcohol programs, etc. likewise, is ~~so~~ suicidal for our gov't to undertake.

You know, if the roads are unpaved, a car can drive slowly, or a person can walk, & you can still get to where you are going. But with the ~~so~~ cuts you are entertaining, you'll have great roads but your citizens will be drunks, addicts, criminals & mentally ill and totally lacking ~~into~~ ~~in~~ in a sense of community or support or vital safety info from their radios, uninformed, etc.

The right thing to do is restore these vital funds and seek new sources of revenue such as income tax.



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name
 committee on BUDGET, dated 3/4/00
 bill/subject

Thank you for your time. I urge you to oppose state funding cuts to public broadcasting. Alaska has a system of public broadcasting in place that is the envy of the nation - it would be a shame to weaken something we should all be very proud of. I don't need to point out to you that Alaska's public broadcasters provide more than just emergency, weather, educational and public service information, they also provide a voice for local communities, and reach more of your constituents - more efficiently - than any other form of communication in this state. Support for public broadcasting shows your commitment to a healthy and effective legislative process. As a money-giving supporter of public broadcastin

Signed: Darryl Rehkopf (DARRYL REHKOPF)
 Testifier

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I am part of a group of caring people who have always tried to do our part to help fund public broadcasting. As a result, Alaska's public broadcasting system has the highest per-capita giving support in the nation - support which has helped bring our public broadcasting system to where it is today, in spite of state legislative cuts to public broadcasting of nearly 70% over the last 14 years.

Your constituents are doing their part - please help us by opposing state funding cuts to public broadcasting.

Thank you.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee
committee name

committee on budget, dated _____
bill/subject

I was a founding ^{board} member of the Public Radio Station, which has the Record for contributions per capita, Raven Radio, KCAW in Sitka.

For 15 years now, I have been a volunteer and supporter of Public Radio in Alaska.

The amount of time put into this station has been a major part of my life. A lot of sweat equity, why? Because there is not enough information on the right wing christian stations which are left when you take away Public Radio.

Public Radio ~~gives~~ ^{equity} truth and information, Commercial Radio means hype & tries to sell you what you don't need.

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Signed: Kenneth Whittemore
Testifier

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I am a 30 year Alaskan with a college degree. I think. There fore, I need Public Radio and the information which comes from there.

without Public Radio - Alaska goes back to the dark ages.

If I were a legislator like yourself, I would take a cut in my own pay, before I would cut Public Radio. It is that important.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I honor all of you for taking the time out of your life to do this job for Alaska.

Hal Wilton



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee
 committee name
 committee on reduction of funding, dated 2-4-00
 bill/subject
to public radio

I'm not an employee of a public radio station, I'm not a volunteer but I am an avid listener! Raven Radio is the best source & often the only source of information regarding local, state and Native News, not to mention the incredible national programs-both news and entertainment. As we all know, an effective democracy relies on a well informed citizenry & those of us who live in remote areas rely heavily on public radio to become and remain informed.

The relatively small amount of money that the state invests in public radio has a huge payoff. Because it is so important to so many people we donate money, out of our pockets, to make certain that it stays on the air. The state's money actually

Signed: Arvid E. Jones
 Testifier

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generates revenue, both from individuals & businesses. How many people do you know who say, "I want that new airport, road, or school so much, that I'll give you \$300 out of my bank account"?

Not only does the state's investment serve its citizens information & entertainment needs, it generates revenue & jobs. What a win/win situation.

The state's contribution, while small, has huge pay-offs.

Amad E. Jones



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
committee name

committee on Funding Public Radio, dated Mar 4, 2000
bill # / subject

Public radio has already experienced
severe budget cuts

Many people depend on public radio for
news and information and entertaining programming.

Public radio also adds greatly to
quality of life through educational and
cultural programs.

For many people Public Radio is a daily
part of life

It is supported by its listeners both
financially and through volunteers.

Please restore proposed cuts to
continue this service

Signed:

Ratty L. Oberdorf
Testifier

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Saturday, March 04, 2000

Don't Cut Public Broadcast Monies

Dear Rep. Mulder

Please find another way to balance the budget as a resident of Alaska for 35 years I have depended on public radio since the 80's when KBBF Homer came on the air. 15 years that we spent in Bush Alaska living (very remote) and public radio was our lifeline to the world

Now living in Sitka it is the public affair station in our community.

Don't balance the budget on the back of rural as well as urban listeners who are trying to stay informed by cutting their flow of information

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Stanford

a paying member of Down Radio



JIM STEFFEN, AMS-SAMS
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Rep. Eldon Mulder

3/3/00

As a founder of the Raven Radio Foundation, KCAW community FM in Sitka, I join others who are strong supporters of community radio in Alaska in wishing to express our extreme frustration with your intention to lay severe budget cuts on the APBC, and consequently, the stations.

In fact, I personally cannot fathom your reasoning, unless you have a personal bias against the network of stations that make up the Alaska system. And if that is the case, why?

Two nights ago I participated in a call-in show on KCAW that dealt with Sitka's municipal waste crisis. This is a current issue, and KCAW is one of several partners, including the local newspaper, that are helping to educate the public for the purpose of solving our problems. In addition, the radio forum reaches a segment of the population which is not served by the other media. It is a key element in the local political process, and by laying off a budget cut of this magnitude, you are effectively disenfranchising our community. You also take away weather reports for mariners, local and regional news not provided by commercial radio in the small communities. And for a budget savings of something around \$400K. You apparently have no idea what the trickle down effect of this cut would be. It is time to REWARD the entities that have endured cuts, reduced costs and maintained services.

I hope by now you have heard from other rural Alaskans who see their community radio stations as an essential service. I challenge you to find a single state-funded entity that has stretched its budget dollars farther than public broadcasting. And if you should find one, I WANT TO KNOW WHICH IT IS.

Respectfully yours,

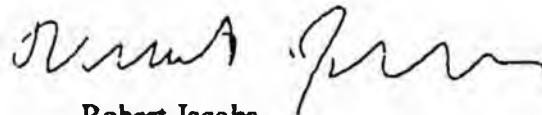
Jim Steffen
Member, Raven Radio Board of Directors

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Dear Representative Mulder:

Once again the yearly ideological battle disguised as a budget matter is joined regarding funding for public radio. Listener support, in the form of financial contributions is already higher here in Alaska than everywhere else in the nation. This in itself demonstrates the importance of continued funding for non-commercial media in Alaska. The amount of money saved by this ill-considered measure is chicken feed compared to the benefits conferred upon your constituency by the presence of a national media outlet not beholden to the influence of your local commercial media. Should these cuts come to pass, this same constituency will most definitely remember the guilty parties responsible when election time rolls around. Do the right thing. Don't stifle this media outlet in the name of petty cost-cutting. Public radio and television are irreplaceable. You sir, are not.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Robert Jacobs', written in dark ink.

Robert Jacobs



Alaska State Legislature

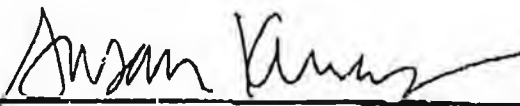
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FOLLOWING THIS PAGE ARE PETITION SIGNATURES
 GATHERED IN HOMER YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AND
 TODAY. THE PETITION ASKS HOUSE FINANCE TO
 RESTORE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING.
 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR REQUEST.

Second fax.

Attn. Louanne

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Signed:  SUSAN KEYNES

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
committee name

committee on Budget bill, dated March 4th, 2000

bill # / subject

I WOULD LIKE TO STATE, FIRST, THAT I CONSIDER PUBLIC BROADCASTING TO BE NOT A LUXURY OR AN AMENITY, BUT A VITAL PUBLIC SERVICE. FUNDING FOR THIS SERVICE HAS ALREADY BEEN CUT DRASTICALLY, AND I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO FUND IT AT A LEVEL OF AT LEAST THE SAME AS IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.

LIKE MOST ALASKANS, I VOTED "NO" LAST SEPTEMBER, BECAUSE I FELT THAT THE PLAN WE WERE BEING ASKED TO ENDORSE WAS POORLY THOUGHT OUT. I HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA SINCE 1957, AND WHEN THE INCOME TAX WAS REPEALED BY THE LEGISLATURE I AGREED WITH JAY HAMMOND THAT THAT WAS A MISTAKE. I WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT A FAIR, GRADUATED STATE INCOME TAX TO FUND NEEDED STATE SERVICES, AND I BELIEVE THAT OTHER ALASKANS, WHEN THE NEED FOR IT BECOMES OBVIOUS, WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS. IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE THAT THE OIL INDUSTRY HAS NOT BEEN PAYING ITS FAIR SHARE OF TAXES IN OUR STATE SINCE THEY WERE ABLE TO GET THE METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE FORMULA BY WHICH THEIR TAXES ARE CALCULATED CHANGED, NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO, GIVING THEM AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER BUSINESSES OPERATING IN OUR STATE.

I URGE THAT YOU KEEP AN OPEN MIND, AND ACT IN THE INTEREST OF ALL ALASKANS, AND TO HAVE THE COURSE TO DO WHAT IS REIGHT DESPITE ANY OBJECTIONS FROM THOSE WHOSE ONLY PRIORITY IS TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THEIR "SACRED" UNEARNED PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND EVERY YEAR, AND NOT TO HAVE TO PAY ANY INCOME OR SALES TAXES TO THE STATE. WE SHOULD AND MUST ALL PAY OUR FAIR SHARE.

Signed:

GERALD R. BROOKMAN *Gerald R. Brookman*

Testifier

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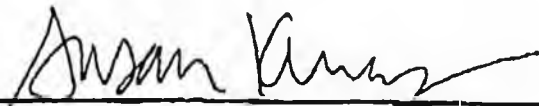
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE
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FOLLOWING THIS PAGE ARE PETITION SIGNATURES
 GATHERED IN HOMER YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AND
 TODAY. THE PETITION ASKS HOUSE FINANCE TO
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 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR REQUEST.

Att. Louanne

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March 3, 2000

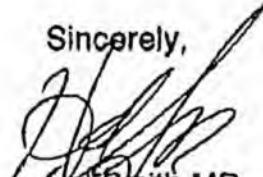
Representative Eldon Mulder
State House
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Mulder:

I will not be able to attend the teleconference scheduled for tomorrow, so I am writing this letter to ask you to please support full funding for public radio in the Finance Committee. The benefits of public radio have been enumerated many times in the past. Public radio enjoys wide support among the citizens of the state and this support crosses party lines. The cuts proposed are likely to devastate a system that has already absorbed more than its fair share of cuts in past years. Shouldn't downsizing and efficiency be rewarded? That is what the public radio system has done to maintain the level of service it provides with half the state funds it used to have.

Please support restoring the proposed cuts, and fully fund the public radio budget. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Hal Smith MD



Dear Rep. Hudson and Rep. Kerttula

March 2, 2000

cc: All members of the House Finance Committee

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PUBLIC BROADCASTING. CUTTING THE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING WOULD CRIPPLE A VALUABLE PUBLIC ASSET.

We are very much against the current plan in the House Finance Committee to cut yet more funds from Public Broadcasting. We know that there are a number of people in the Legislature who have that as one of THEIR agenda items. We think they are wrong.

The Public Broadcasting station we know most about is KT00-FM in Juneau, Alaska. (We do not own a TV and, hence, do not watch TV at all.) For 26 years, KT00 has been an integral part of the community life Juneau.

Plain and simple, commercial radio stations are in it for the money. Public service? Only if it brings listeners, which bring advertising dollars (or if laws require public service). We find almost nothing on any of the commercial station WE want to listen to.

As for Public Radio stations? The name says it all, they are public. They belong to and serve the public, not some owner out of Alaska.

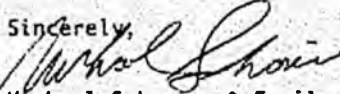
There is a synergy between KT00 and non-profit community focused organizations in Juneau that enhances both. From what we have seen of other communities in Alaska, this is a universal trait. Public radio stations are COMMUNITY stations; they are a focus for the best in community spirit. For the small amount of money public radio costs, the public benefits are massive. Non-profits usually do what they do on a shoestring budget, and they do things governments can't or won't, but that still are good to do. Would commercial station go out of they way to help promote non-profit community activities? For a buck maybe, but KT00 helps as part of its mission. KT00 provides a breadth of music and other programming that no commercial station would attempt. This breadth gives depth to Juneau that would disappear with further impairment due to lack of funding.

If we have to cut the budget, Public Broadcasting is the wrong place to do it. With the help of Public Broadcasting, non-profits can get the word out and improve their communities. Without public radio, more than just public radio would suffer.

We know the litany "We don't have the money, we don't have the money, ..." to which we say, "bull." We have the money to spend on the things that benefit Alaskans. Public Broadcasting is too valuable to Alaskan's to kill, under whatever guise; and, most certainly some stations would die or be so impaired that they'd decide to shut down.

You know that Senator Ted Stevens strongly supports Public Broadcasting in Alaska.

Sincerely,


Michael Sakarias & Family
7943 N Douglas Hwy
Juneau AK 99801
586-4422

PS: We were not asked, but the reason WE voted against the Legislature's PFI measure last Fall was NOT because we're against using some of the PFD to pay for government. We feel we should ALSO use other sources, also. In other words: PFD and TAXES, both.

We do not make a lot of money, but do not mind paying taxes because of the good it contributes to. We do NOT understand all those people who earn so much more than we do, but would rather not pay any taxes. We have enough money. Some people NEVER have enough money, no matter how rich they are.

Katherine G. Jacobs
Box 920
Sitka, Alaska
99835

Phone 907-747-8533
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March 3, 2000

To: Rep. Eldon Mukder

Public radio in Alaska is not just entertainment for the masses. Public radio is vital information for the people of Alaska. It is news of the world and local affairs when you are out on the fishing grounds. The only source of news in small towns across Alaska. It is the only source of weather information for those who live in "the bush" and for those same people their only source of music, and other entertainment. In fact for some, their only form of contact with what is happening in the world. Public radio is the only way of getting messages to those same outlying bush people.

The Legislatures plan to slash funding for public radio will seriously hurt the people of Alaska. Our government is supposed to help and protect the people it serves. Cutting funding for public radio would hurt and endanger a large portion of Alaska's people. Please consider the people you serve before cutting the funding to this vital service in our lives.

Sincerely

Katherine G. Jacobs

Sally Smith

1 March 2000

The Honorable Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: KTOO/Public Broadcasting

Dear Eldon:

First of all--hi, and how are you? Now, on to business--my unshaken belief that funding for Public Broadcasting and KTOO should be maintained. As you know, information and dialogue keep people involved; they are the DNA of creative thinking.

Because of its focus, public radio is an investment in the well-being of our state. Commercial radio is an investment for advertising businesses. Both are important; both have a place; but the missions (read that "profits"), are vitally different.

Coast Alaska, the product of creative thought, is a cost-effective network of SE radio stations that share not only state and regional information to raise the level of public awareness, but encourage involvement and a sense of community. By pooling their resources Coast Alaska has reduced operating costs for each member station, but KTOO, as the urban hub of this network, is crucial to its strength and continuance.

Supporters have worked hard to counter the annual reductions in public funding, but because they've met past challenges doesn't mean they can continue to do so. Please support full funding of the APBC. Their work brings all Alaskans information that educates.

Sincerely,

Sally Smith



March 1, 2000

Rep. Carl Moses
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building, Rm 500
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Carl Moses:

I understand that the House Finance Committee has a proposal from your subcommittee to cut over \$400,000.00 dollar from public broadcasting.

Rural Alaska depends on public broadcasting, particularly the senior citizens who cannot afford cable. Radio is of particular importance and is the only communication link that many villages have to the rest of the State and the outside world.

When is the State Legislature going to realize that they are a body that has a responsibility for the entire State and Rural Alaska cannot function without State funding. Alaska is the wealthiest State in the union and richer than many countries in the world and yet our politicians act like a bunch of scrooges and are trying to cut off Rural Alaska from sharing in the wealth that belongs to all of it's citizens.

With crude oil up to \$31.00 + per barrel, the fiscal gap that has been plaguing the legislature for the last few years will disappear very rapidly, so why the slash and cut mentality?

Give Rural Alaska public broadcasting.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Davis, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

cc: file

Luda Konshin
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March 2, 2000

Rep. Eldon Mulder
House Finance Committee
Juneau, AK

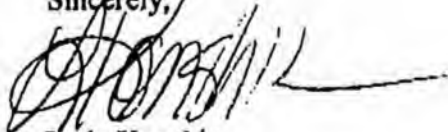
Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to share my feelings on the proposed budget cuts to public broadcasting. As a member of a small community and a volunteer at my local public radio station, I know that the effect that these cuts would have upon our community alone would be devastating. Alaska depends on public broadcasting for many reasons-- everything from marine weather forecasts that insure the safety of fishermen and boaters to message services for people in other communities or those who do not have telephones or telephone access. These reasons alone should be enough to justify funding this important resource. Also, in smaller communities, public radio is the only tie to the outside world. It is a source of information, news, and politics. Certainly your own campaign efforts would be affected without this important medium.

Please do not interfere with a system that works so well for our communities and our state as a whole. The repercussions would be tragic. A state cut would also mean large losses of federal funding, and our small communities who need it most would feel the fullest impact of your decisions.

Thank you for reading. I know that once you consider the consequences, you will make the only decision there is that is in support of the people of Alaska. Do not cut funding to public broadcasting.

Sincerely,



Luda Konshin

Subject: Public broadcasting

Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 13:24:00 EST

From: BrtherDawn@aol.com

To: Representative_Eldon_Mulder@legis.state.ak.us

Representative Mulder:

Public broadcasting is an essential component of my life in Southeast Alaska. Through the fine programs of National Public Radio, Public Radio International, and Alaska Public Radio Network, and the very fine news programming produced by our local community radio station, KRBD, I am able to live and work in this fine, beautiful state and remain connected and well informed on local, state, national, and international issues. Through the fine work of Public Broadcasting and Alaska One TV, I am able to further my understanding of complex issues, and become a well-informed participant in the democratic process. Gavel-to-Gavel is a vital link to our legislature in a state with significant transportation costs.

Beyond the life-enriching effects, public broadcasting has a significant economic benefit for Alaska. Over \$1 million dollars in federal grants comes into our state through public broadcasting. Much of this money "stays Inside" in the form of wages to our dedicated staffs.

Another significant economic benefit is the ability for public broadcasting to attract newcomers to our communities. My husband, a local pediatrician, and I, a local pastor, are among the people who would not have considered serving this community without the presence of strong public broadcasting.

I urge you to support the funding of public radio and public television.

Sincerely,
The Reverend Ms. Dawn Allen-Herron

Grete Perkins
P. O. Box 243
Talkeetna, AK 99876
907-733-2354

March 2, 2000

To: Representatives Eldon Mulder and Gene Theriault
Co-Chairs, House Finance Committee

Re: Public Broadcasting

Dear Representatives Mulder and Theriault,

I would like to send you a **big** message from a small community:

Please don't vote to slash funding for public broadcasting!

Living in Talkeetna, our public radio station, KTNA is part of the lifeblood of the community. State grants makeup about one third of our operating budget, and if this were eliminated, I feel certain that our radio station would be forced to go off the air. Even with local underwriters, and thousands of volunteer hours, we simply cannot afford the current programming and services without the critical state grants.

Talkeetna residents from all walks of life, and with varying interests and philosophies, come together and volunteer countless hours as newscasters, broadcasters, disc jockies, mechanical wizards, talk show hosts, fund raisers, and news writers. It is the one common ground where Talkeetna residents of all persuasions can come together.

Where else can residents of Talkeetna and vicinity receive local news, announcements of school closures, or icy road conditions? Where else can residents of Talkeetna learn of an emergency quickly? (One New Year's Day, the local grocery store was burning, and a plea went out for pot luck food and dry gloves for the volunteer firefighters to replace the ones frozen by the 20 below degree weather.) Where else can the residents of Talkeetna learn that a woman with Alzheimers disease was lost, so that attempts to find her could be coordinated by the local radio station? Where else can residents of Talkeetna receive weather forecasts specifically for this area, so critical in the winter? Where else could the residents of Talkeetna be alerted to a possible flood - extremely critical to a town that is in the flood plain of three major rivers? Where else can local residents without telephone service receive messages, locally called "Dial Echoes" to learn of family emergencies, a change in the train service due to a derailment, or trail conditions.

The effects of the House proposal would be devastating to our public radio station. Please don't cut funding for public broadcasting!

Please don't cut off the lifeblood of our community.

Sincerely,

GRETE PERKINS

Grete Perkins

JOE D'ARIZZO
2219 SAWMILL CRK. HWY.
SITKA, AK. 99835

REP. ELSON MULDER
REP. GENE THERIAULT
CO-CHAIRS, HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN, ONCE AGAIN WE MUST AMASS SUPPORT
FOR OUR RADIO STATION, KCAW-FM.
A PROPOSED \$400,000 CUT IN PUBLIC BROADCASTING
AND THE RESULTING \$100,000 TO COAST ALASKA
WOULD BE DEVASTATING. IT COULD MEAN THE
LOSS OF OVER \$1,000,000 IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR
PUBLIC BROADCASTING. KCAW SERVES NOT ONLY
SITKA, BUT, ANGOON, ELFIN COVE, TENAKEE SPRINGS, FORT
ALEXANDER, YAKUTAT, PELICAN, CAKE AND THE FISHING
GROUNDS.
SURELY, YOU DO NOT INTEND TO ELIMINATE THE
COMMUNITY SERVICE THEY PROVIDE. (INCLUDING
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION FROM JUNEAU.) PLEASE CONSIDER
THE FULL IMPACT OF WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING AND
KILL THIS PLAN. THANK YOU, Joe D'Arizzo



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance committee name
 " HB 312
 committee on AK State Council , dated 3/4/00
 bill/subject

Please do not cut funds to AK State Council on the Arts. Specifically I am requesting that \$75,600 be restored to ASCA's general fund. Do not otherwise threaten switching federal funds.

Signed: Denise Clyne Denise Clyne
 Testifier
Self and Bunnell Street Gallery Board Member
 Representing (Optional)
59855 Sanford Drive Homer AK 99603
 Address
907/235-6260
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
committee name
 committee on HB 312 , dated 4 Mar 00
bill/subject

Cutting the fat is a good thing. But now we've gotten down to the meat. And the circulation system and heart and spleen. You are now killing the patient.

I urge you to stop any further cuts from ~~the~~ public broadcasting and the Alaska State council on the Arts. And institute an income tax.

Signed: Mako Haggerty MAKO HAGGERTY
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
PO Box 2001 Homer 99603
Address
235-4357
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Sub-Committee
 committee name
 committee on Finance , dated 3/2/00 ?
 bill/subject

Dear Representatives Phillips, Bunde,
 Davis, Davies, Moses, Cherniack, Foster,
 Quateman, Williams & Grussendorf,

I sincerely hope that you will put forward
 an amendment to restore \$75,600
 to Alaska State Council on The Arts General
 Fund. Replacing this amount with
 \$75,600 from The Art in Public Places Fund
 will have a devastating effect on all ASCA grant
 and service programs. ASCA is seeking a legis-
 lative appropriation to access AIPP funds of \$75,600
 to make required art purchases, but these funds
 by law cannot be used as state General Fund Match
 as required by the federal agency that funds nearly 50%
 of ASCA's services and programs. **THANK YOU!**

Signed: Asia Freeman / ASIA-FREEMAN

Testifier

Homer / Alaskan Art Supporters

Representing (Optional)

106 West Bunnett, Ste D, Homer

Address

235-7558

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee on Budget Alaska State Council on the Arts dated March 4, 2000
 bill/subject

ASCA's Budget from sub-committee
 mistakenly includes \$75,600 in capital
 projects funds from Art in Public Places (AIPP)
 This capital money cannot be used to
 match Federal funds from the National
 Endowment. Alaska will lose \$75,600.
 in Federal funds.

Please amend sub committee
 Recommendation to restore \$75,600 from General
 Funds.

Signed: Lance Petersen Lance Petersen

Testifier

ASCA

Representing (Optional)

Box 894 Homer

Address

235-7333

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee on HB 312 committee name
Council of Arts , dated 3-4-00
 bill/subject

Money is tight. Everyone knows that. So why don't you implement a state income tax. Lots of us are in favor of it.

We need government to support it's citizenry through their support of the arts. Look at history and what survives through the ages - art, visual, movement, creative, all forms. Look at occupation and the ~~role~~ that musicians, ~~artists~~ dancers have played over the centuries. Look at brain development and what it is that gets positive brain chemistry flowing. As the human race, we need the arts, and we the people need the government's support.

Thank-you.

Signed: Jennifer Edwards
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. BOX 2296 Homer, AK 99603
 Address
235-7605
 Phone No.

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Melissa Sanford

To: Senator_Lyda_Green@legis.state.ak.us; Senator_Tim_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us;
 Senator_Georgiana_Lincoln@legis.state.ak.us
Cc: Representative_Gary_Davis@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Bill_Williams@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Richard_Foster@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Carl_Moses@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Ben_Grussendorf@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_John_Davies@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Gail_Phillips@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Alán_Austerman@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Gene_Therriault@legis.state.ak.us;
 Representative_Eldon_Mulder@legis.state.ak.us; Steven Rouse
 [steven_rouse@makeitalaska.com]
Subject: Funding for Made In Alaska program

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

First, I would like to thank you for restoring the Made In Alaska funding a couple of weeks ago. This is an important program and many of us want to see it continued.

I understand that the budget of this has been decreased by \$5000. I am writing to encourage you to increase the budget back from \$25K to \$30K...the Made In Alaska program funding is already low and to cut it further endangers many of the services it provides.

The Made In Alaska program does many services to promote Alaskan goods, which is important to a state that spends millions in getting tourists to come to Alaska. Surely you can see the value of having those tourist dollars stay in the state...and the only way those same tourists will be educated to buy Alaskan products is through the education and support of the Made In Alaska program. Otherwise why would they buy Alaskan goods instead of overseas goods? Many tourists stop at my place of business and explain that they are specifically looking for the Made In Alaska logo (available only through the Made In Alaska program). Although I am a small business (3 full time employees) when you multiply the effect this has on the HUNDREDS of Made In Alaska permit holders, there is a huge domino effect that contributes to the livelihood of THOUSANDS of Alaskans.

I would also like to address Representative Con Bunde's reference to Made In Alaska permit holders as "trinket people" and "small ornament people". Not only were many of us incensed at this insult, it shows how truly clueless Representative Bunde is about this. This state should be proud of its artist and craftsmen that give us such a good reputation for having so much creative energy. Other states go out of their way to promote and expound on what great artists and craftsmen they have...and our artists and craftsmen are reduced to "trinket people"??? Also, I have listed below a HANDFUL of Made in Alaska permit holders other than those involved with arts or crafts....I would like to see Representative Bunde call THEM trinket people to their face!!!

Examples of a small sample of Made In Alaska permit holders:

Tesoro
 Alaska Petroleum Contractors
 Greer Tank
 Alaska Mill and Feed
 Matanuska Dairy
 Kaladi Bros. Coffee
 Alaska Brewery
 Metal Fabricators
 Aluminum boat manufacturers
 Camper Manufacturers
 Metal Fabricators
 Furniture Manufacturers

Fishing products
over 30 Building and Construction companies
Clothing Manufacturers
Video productions
Etc, etc, etc.

So you think that the Made In Alaska Program is just a handful of "trinket people"? These same folks will remember what you do for the Made In Alaska program when election time rolls around.

Please recognize the valuable asset the Made In Alaska program is to this state. Protect the \$50K in the General Fund and increase the Made In Alaska's authorization for Program Receipts from \$25K to \$30K.

Thank you,
Melissa Sanford
Wilderness Expressions



Thistleberries

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All Members of the House Finance Committee:

I would like to say "Thank You" on behalf of myself and artisan friends who have been proud sponsors of the Made In Alaska (MIA) program. Your vote of re-inserting the \$50,000 back into the budget to support the MIA program is greatly appreciated.

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Thank You once again for your supporting votes concerning the MIA program. I look forward to your continued support of MIA.

Yours in Responsibility Promoting Alaska,

Ruth A. Holland
@ Thistleberries



**CUSTOM KNIVES
AND
ACCESSORIES**

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Tahleena, Ak 99676
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TO: ALL MEMBERS, HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE: MADE IN ALASKA PROGRAM

Speaking for myself and on behalf of many artisan friends who are proud sponsors of the Made In Alaska (MIA) program, I would like to express my gratitude for your vote in favor of re-inserting into your proposed budget the \$50,000 necessary for continued funding of the MIA program.

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In view of your recent vote I am both refreshed and hopeful that it is a vote of confidence in the MIA program. We who support MIA in our businesses take great pride in giving to our visitors a true taste of Alaska and feel adamantly that our great State deserves only the best of genuine representation. We trust that this vote of confidence portrays a like feeling on your part and I, for one, am grateful and look forward to your continued support of MIA.

Yours in Responsibly Promoting Alaska,

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John W. Saily
Little Bighorn Custom Knives



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John W. Saily
Little Bighorn Custom Knives



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'OOMINGMAK'
MUSK OX PRODUCERS' CO-OPERATIVE

604 H Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 272-9225

Name: All Members
Organization: House Finance Committee
Fax: (907) 465-6813
Phone: [Phone]
From: Musk Ox Producers' Co-Operative
Date: March 9, 2000
Subject: MADE IN ALASKA FUNDING
Pages: 1

Comments: We thank you for restoring the funding to the MADE IN ALASKA Program. This program is important to ensure that visitors and local customers know what items are made in Alaska. Since it should be important to all of us that preference is given to Alaskans and items made in Alaska, ensuring that money spent in Alaska stays in the state to the greatest possible extent, such a program is crucial.

Sincerely

Sigrun C. Robertson
Executive Director
Musk Ox Producers' Co-Operative
Hand knit Qiviut made by Native Alaskans



Handwritten insertments
 Dennis V. Abbl
 Hc 34 B, 2085a
 Wasilla AK 99684

I Would like to thank all the Finance Committee, (Except Con Bunde) members for restoring fund's for Make It Alaska program. I like to see this program continue which I feel is good for the state of Alaska. Ive had comments on my violin's with the Make It Alaska logo In Tucson AZ. last year at the violin class. I want to thank all the Rep's. That are keeping this program alive

Sincerely Dennis V. Abbl

Dennis V. Abbl 3-10-00

To Rep. Con Bunde, When you start calling people name's you'd better know who's out there that your slanting names at behind someones back. I'm at the lowest eb of my life. My wife of 54 years is hndycaped & totally blind. Ive had to put her at a home. I have no insurance & I get nothing from the State of Alaska. I foot the bills my self. It's breaking me & it leaves me nothing for my self.
 When my wife was in the hospital Oct. 99 the social worker Ellen Busak alamed me in the face about my VA benefit's Now you are calling me names behind my back. I was on the invasion of France WW11 landed on Omaha Beach. Came home with a busted back Now I'm getting slapped in the face by you Con Bunde. Ive seen more blood & gut's then 100's of people will see in a life time. I didn't feel I put my life on the line for some one the likes of you.

Dennis V. Abbl

3/11/2000

House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

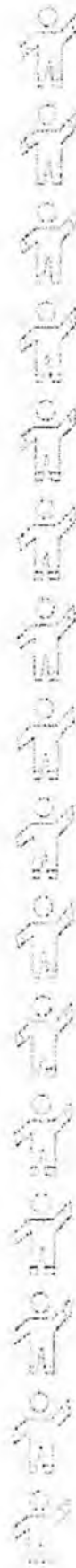
Via Fax

Dear Folks:

Thank you for your support in funding the Made in Alaska Program. This program plays an important role in the Alaska economic picture.

As for Mr. Bunde's comments, referring to the membership of the Made in Alaska program as being "trinket makers", I am appalled by his insensitivity and ignorance perhaps born of too many years in academia and lack of real world experience. Is the Anchorage Daily News, Tesoro Petroleum, Indian Valley Meats, Alaska Seafood International, Superior Logs, DiFrancia Lingerie, Arctic Spas, Silver Lining Seafoods, Alaska Petroleum Contractors, Alaska Mint, Alaska Canine Cookies, Cameron Birch Works, Sunrise Bakery, Culfabco, Morris Communications, Alaska Candle Factory, Apocolypse Design, Alaska Herb and Tea, Taco Loco, The Knot Shop, and hundreds of other businesses are trinket makers by any stretch of imagination then perhaps it is time for Mr. Bunde to take up residence at API. I feel than Mr. Bunde owes his neighbors an applogy..... and perhaps can learn to engage brain before putting mouth in motion.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bishop T. Buckle
The Knot Shop
Hc 31 Box 5163
Wasilla, Ak 99654



To All House Finance
Committee Members...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

The Make It Alaskan certification program is essential to my business. Thank you for securing funding for this program. Please do everything you can to see that funding continues for many years to come.

C & C Unlimited
Jaslynn Casey / Owner
PO Box 873814
Wasilla, Alaska 99687
907-376-1033



FAX: 907 465-6813

To All the Members of the House Finance Committee:

Thank you ALL very much for the continued funding of the Made In Alaska program. It touches many, many people's lives around the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Penelope Cyr-Lorenson

Penelope Cyr-Lorenson

Wild Iris Basket Designs

Kodiak Island, Alaska

Fax

Name: House Finance Committee
Please forward to each member

Fax: 1/907/465-6813

From: Linda L. Hill,
Alaska Wild River Productions, Inc.
907/338-1005

Date: March 8, 2000

Subject: Made in Alaska Funds

Pages: 1

Thank you so much for your work in restoring the \$50,000 in general funds for MADE IN ALASKA. We appreciate your support in helping us identify our products as "genuine Alaskan" when people shopping are being so bombarded with imported items.

Thanks again!



TO: ALL MEMBERS
HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 7, 2000

Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

Thank you for restoring funding for the Made In Alaska program. This program not only supports those Alaskans that make and sell Alaskan products, it also assures that visitors to our wonderful state get the authentic items they seek. The Made In Alaska program provides a level of integrity found few other places in the world.

Special Note to Representative Con Bunde

Mr. Bunde, Alaska has some of the finest Artisans, Photographers, Carvers, Film Makers and Crafts people found in the world. They are proud to be Alaskans and proud to display the fact their products are Made In Alaska. Referring to us as "trinket people" is not only an insult to us but to you. It demonstrates that you are ignorant and uninformed of the people of Alaska and all Alaskans lose by having such uninformed persons represent us. I am sure if the voters of your district know how uninformed you are, you are currently serving your last and final term.

Again, a special thank you to all Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee who made this funding possible. If you wor'd continue to lend your support and influence to the Made In Alaska program and see that the funding makes it through the whole process - that would also be appreciated.

Respectively,

Harry and Ginger Phenice
Toklat Video Productions
33080 Bolan St.
Soldotna, AK. 99669
(907) 262-9320
reach@toklatvideo.com

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I would like to thank each HFC member for their support for the MADE IN ALASKA program. we feel this program is very important to Alaska economy. thank-you all.

Linda & Robert Harmon
Nome Beach Gold

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To: Steven Rouse <steven_rouse@makeitalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2000 12:40 PM
Subject: Re: Amendment passes-thank you's NOW

Linda C. Vollertsen
4871 Retriever Circle
Anchorage, Alaska 99502
(907) 243-0535

To all members of the House Finance Committee,
Thanks to all of you for passing the amendment to the Made In Alaska program. This is very encouraging to all of us who contribute Alaska-made products to the economy. We work very hard and are proud of the quality work we create. Thank you for appreciating this work and supporting us. You can see some of what you supported at www.mirow.com, and thank you again.

Sincerely,



Linda Vollertsen

From: Linda Vollertsen <mirow@alaskalife.net>
To: <Representative_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2000 12:15 PM
Subject: Made In Alaska permit holder of trinkets??

Mirow
Linda C. Vollertsen
(907) 243-0535

Representative Bunde,

I am taking the time to write you in regards to the amendment to the budget for the Made in Alaska program. I am a hard working Alaskan making nothing even close to what anyone would call 'trinkets'. I, at first, felt insulted that you would label me and my co-members in that light and then after some thought I felt sorry for you for being so ignorant of the high quality work we bring to our communities and to our beautiful state.

My family came to Alaska in 1898 and we have all contributed to Alaska in many different ways. I am proud of my heritage, from gold mining to aviation to logging to my company, Mirow; making jewelry and home accessories. My family and friends and my large number of repeat customers (in state and out of state) are also proud of me and my work. They appreciate what I do.

Next time you think of labelling someone or something so casually why don't you stop and think about how much you actually know about the subject. If everyone took the time to do this our world would be a much kinder place to live in.

One of the reasons I started my own company 12 years ago was to raise my children at home. Not only do mothers who decide to stay home with their children get very little recognition for this important job, now you also insult and give me and others in this profession no recognition for what we have created.

If you would like to educate yourself in this area why don't you look at my web site at www.mirow.com and then tell me if you still think I design 'trinkets'.

Sincerely,



Linda C. Vollertsen

March 6, 2000

TO : ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

From: Laura Ferguson; Anchorage Senior Center

It has been brought to my attention that you may cut funding to the MADE IN ALASKA program. Here at the Senior Center we have started using the MADE IN ALASKA stickers and they have really helped our gift shop sales. We sure like the program and would miss the many benefits it offers should you discontinue it.

Sincerely,



Laura Ferguson
Gift Shop Mgr.
Anch. Sr. Ctr.

To: All house finance committee members...

I have been alerted by Steve Rouse (Made in Alaska program director) that funding for the program is in jeopardy.

Funding in the amount of fifty thousand dollars...these are likely some of the most well spent dollars in our entire state budget.

I make soap and other body care products in my home. I sell them at Saturday market, the annual Made in Alaska show at the Sullivan arena, the Alaska State fair and at other Alaskan bazaars and craft fairs.

I have been doing this since 1996. A huge percentage of my customers are familiar with and greatly appreciate having the Made in Alaska symbol shown on the products they buy.

Locals seem proud to support fellow Alaskans in their entrepreneurial efforts.

Visitors are tickled to be assured that the gift that they are bringing home from their Alaskan vacation, was made in Alaska by an Alaskan.

My Made in Alaska certification directly impacts my business in a positive way.

I implore you to reconsider cutting the funding to this program. It would be a mistake that would affect too many individuals and businesses to justify shaving \$50,000 from the budget...the harm done would be far more costly.

Carol A. Green
dba Sound Soap
Made in Alaska membership # 4190
po box 2173
Palmer Alaska 99645
(907) 746-7627 ph or fax
rainyday@alaska.net



Alaska Herb Tea Company
PO Box 110289
Anchorage, Alaska 99511

Fax Message

Tel/Fax 907-522-3499

Date: March 6, 2000

To: State of Alaska

House Finance Committee members

Please deliver to all House Finance Committee members

From: Charles Walsh
Alaska Herb Tea Company

Re: Funding Made in Alaska program

We understand that all funding for the Made in Alaska program has been terminated as part of budget cuts to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Of course we support your attempts to reign in the budget and make it as lean and efficient as possible. That is exactly why you must restore the funds for MIA. The tiny amount of money budgeted for MIA yields relatively huge returns – it binds together and organizes hundreds of independent Alaskan businesses to make them stronger in the face of outside competition. The success of these Alaskan businesses keeps money in Alaska.

Also, the MIA program assures visitors to Alaska that any gifts or remembrances they buy during their visit will be authentically Alaskan, thereby enhancing the quality of their visit. Happy and satisfied visitors to Alaska are more likely to return, and to encourage their friends and family to come to Alaska. That's the best kind of advertising you can buy!

Only \$50K + program receipts – what a bargain! Please restore funding for the Made in Alaska program.

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March 3, 2000

To: All House Finance committee members (please reproduce and distribute)
Via: Fax 465-6813

Hon. Representatives:

We are the owners of the Silverbow, an historic business operating in downtown Juneau. We are proud members of the Made In Alaska program and strongly urge you maintain funding for this program at \$50,000 per year; the amount requested in Governor Knowles's budget.

At present we use the Made in Alaska labeling on our breads and bagels sold via local markets. The labeling assists us in promoting our products as fresh, all natural, and of local origin. We intend to expand our use of this label to unique and inexpensive manufactured goods for the tourist market.

We are firm supporters of tourism in Alaska, including and especially southeast Alaska. We also appreciate the many benefits to our community provided by the cruise lines, who will likely have a primary voice in the new Alaska Visitor Industry Association. However, we are concerned for the continued quality, individuality, and authenticity of the Alaska experience provided by much of modern package tourism.

By having a program to recognize and support products made locally, from local materials by local Alaskan hands, we distinguish ourselves, our cities, and our culture from that of other tourist destinations. A visitor to Alaska should be able to see and purchase items that they can be confident are not simply relabeled imports, such as could as easily be purchased in the Caribbean, Mexico, Disneyland, and other major vacation destinations.

Without this program there will be no oversight for misuse of the Made In Alaska label, and a consequent potential loss of trust and integrity with our visitors. This is a very small and inexpensive program that goes a long way to protect the interests and viability of many small businesses operating, admittedly, at the fringes of the dominant tourism trend. In the interest of the continued breadth and diversity of the local tour industry, we respectfully request you continue funding for this program.

Sincerely,


Ken Alpek & Jill Rarniel, owners

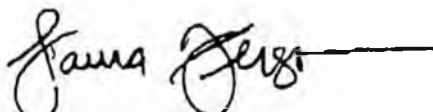
March 6, 2000

To : ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

From: Laura Ferguson; Anchorage Senior Center

It has been brought to my attention that you may cut funding to the MADE IN ALASKA program. Here at the Senior Center we have started using the MADE IN ALASKA stickers and they have really helped our gift shop sales. We sure like the program and would miss the many benefits it offers should you discontinue it.

Sincerely,



Laura Ferguson
Gift Shop Mgr.
Anch. Sr. Ctr.

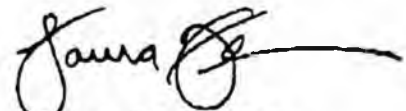
March 6, 2000

To: All Members Of The HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

From: Laura Ferguson, owner of Laura's Original Designs

I have heard that you may cut the funding for the MADE IN ALASKA program and I am upset to say the least. I have a retail store and the stickers are the best thing going for Alaskan merchants. I always point out to visitors to watch for the little bear on products as that is their assurance that it was made in Alaska. I tell them our sites of manufacture are inspected by the state. If the state cant come up with \$50,000 to continue this program than you are not doing your job, which is to serve the best interests of the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,


Laura Ferguson

FAX COVER SHEET

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SEND TO Company name	Finance Committee	From	
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 Reply ASAP
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COMMENTS

Please consider the impacts to the state and the artists in Alaska before cutting the IMA program.

Save The MIA Program

This program is essential and beneficial for the tourism and growth of the state of Alaska. It is a program we are all proud to be a part of.

Any cut backs in the MIA program would be harmful to and for the permit holders and citizens of Alaska.

We need our seal of approval, we are proud of it and work very hard to keep "State of the Ark".

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ALL House Finance Committee Members

(Please see that this fax is distributed to ALL members of the House Finance Committee.)

Dear Committee Members:

I was born here in Fairbanks, I went to school here in Fairbanks, I built a home here in Fairbanks, I own a family based business here in Fairbanks. I am proud to be MADE IN ALASKA!

When I put my MADE IN ALASKA sticker on my product (an Alaskan gold panning kit), it says more than just those three simple words. It says, quality, authenticity, originality, it says pride, "Proud to be ALASKAN"

Your proposed budget cut will hurt my product tremendously, there are other similar products out there, but because of the MADE IN ALASKA program mine is unique, sales around the world reflect this uniqueness.

"Felix Paydirt's Gourmet Gold™ was developed for our children, so that they could attend college here in Fairbanks, build a home here in Fairbanks, create their own businesses and opportunities here in Fairbanks. When you take the money and funding away from our children and put it towards encouraging visitors to Alaska, 10 or 15 years from now who and what will these visitors be visiting? Our Alaskan children are leaving Alaska, because their future opportunities are being taken away from them.

I URGE you to reconsider this budget cut. Please continue to support Alaskans and their unique products. The future of Alaskan Tourism depends on it.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Marvin

From: David & Veronica Bennett
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To: ALL House Finance Committee Members
House Finance Committee Office
Juneau, Ak
Fax # 907-465-6813

Dear Members,

We wish to express our dismay and concern for steps taken by your committee to cut all funding from the Department of Community and Economic Development which will eliminate the "Made In Alaska" program. This program, at a small relative cost, has a tremendous impact on the selling and marketing of Alaska products. We know from direct experience that tourists in particular look for the "Made In Alaska" sticker on our artwork. Additionally, the program helps to weed out those entrepreneurs importing goods and selling them as Alaskan products. Competition is stiff enough for the tourist dollar without the misinformation peddled by some dishonest people.

The program is clearly in line with the purposes of the DCEC. MIA has been a successful and inexpensive program for the state to fund. By funding the the new Alaska Visitor Industry Association to the tune of 100 times the amount required to maintain the existing, successful MIA program, we can only wonder at the motivations of your committee.

Can your committee quell the concerns of the 1300 or so members of Made In Alaska by assuring that the AVIA's use of \$50 million will somehow maintain the positive impact that the Made In Alaska program has been for us these last 5 or 6 years? Can you assure us that we will not be the chosen losers in this game of picking winners and losers? What will the AVIA do for those of us who have paid our dues for membership, used this program to it's fullest, and continue to do so? Will all those tourists that \$50 million will supposedly bring still buy from us without the assurance that what they are buying is truly ALASKAN?

Please re-fund the Made In Alaska program for all of us who work so hard to provide the tourists with unique choices only available in Alaska.

Thank you.

David & Veronica Bennett

Linda Vollertsen

From: Linda Vollertsen <mirow@alaskalife.net>
To: <House Finance Committee>
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2000 1:03 PM
Subject: MADE IN ALASKA FUNDING

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To All members of the House Finance Committee,

I am very concerned about the impact of cuts being made to the DCED budget. If these cuts are made it will eliminate the Made In Alaska program that is funded under the DCED budget. I have been a member of the Made In Alaska since its inception. This program is very important to my business' legitimacy as a true Made In Alaska product. We Made In Alaska members are competing with the large growing segment of items from China, Japan, Korea and elsewhere. This funding cut will mean no permits, no protection from logo misuse, no directory, no web site, and no promotions. This would also mean no state assistance for Alaskans who want to sell in foreign markets as it would eliminate the International Trade office.

I would like to know why Alaska is willing to spend Millions to attract tourists and yet eliminate the small percentage, 1% (\$50K) of the proposed budget to the Tourism Association, for the people of Alaska who make authentic Alaska products to sell to those tourists

Please review the proposed operating budget again and **KEEP** the funding for Made In Alaska at the level submitted in Governor Knowles' budget. We need this to be restored and protected now! Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Vollertsen

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**All House Finance Committee Members, please distribute
RE: "Made In Alaska" program**

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I am amazed that after so many years of trying to establish a program that guarantees residents and visitors that the crafts and products purchased here were actually made here, and you are actually considering abolishing this program ? Shame !

The "Made In Alaska" program has been promoted by all the tour/cruise companies, recommending their clientele that they should only purchase items with the "Made In Alaska" sticker.

As a soapstone carver, in the past, I have signed my carving with "Hand Carved In Alaska by Larry Eaton" but purchasers often bypassed my carving because they did not have the Made In Alaska sticker.

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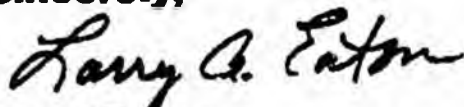
Without the Made in Alaska program, Alaska will be inundated with soapstone carved by duplicating machines in Seattle and imports from Asia.

This directly effects me and all and producers that live in Alaska.

I implore you to appropriate the necessary funding submitted by Gov. Knowles of 50K to insure that this program remains viable and that the budget funds be restored and protected .

You are about to spend millions to entice visitors to Alaska and without the Made In Alaska program, you must not leave them and Alaskans without the quality control of the Made In Alaska Program.

Sincerely,



Larry Eaton

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4 March, 2000

A permit process to certify the authenticity of truly Alaskan products is absolutely essential to this state. The (exponentially growing) number of tourists who visit each year uniformly expect and look for souvenirs (whether expensive native crafts or more simple cottage industry products) which are not foreign made. Alaska is spending millions of dollars promoting tourism for our wonderful State. Why bring the tourists here and not complete the promotion process by funding the Made In Alaska program.

As a cottage crafter I personally sell to tourists all summer at Saturday Market and the first question they all ask is "Is this made in Alaska?" Those of us who subscribe to the Made In Alaska program take pride in displaying the familiar Mama and baby bear logo which authenticates our work but we also know there are many out there selling foreign made products with an "Alaska" stamp on them and pushing them as Alaska made. Without our "Made In Alaska" logo how is the average tourist to know which is truly an Alaska crafted product?

Steven Rouse of the Made in Alaskan program is a zealot in his quest to ensure that manufacturers outside our program do not misuse the Make It Alaska Logo. Without our logo and the Make It Alaska Program, artists such as myself have no protection against the competition of cheaply made foreign products which abound in the Alaska market place.

The current process is clear, effective, and has a "multiplier effect" in marketing our Alaskan products. We are a major part of the tourism industry.

The current process of individual artists and the public sharing the costs of this process is both fair and effective. Why fix something that isn't broken.

The proposal to eliminate funding is really discrimination against those who make up this unique crafts industry. Certification by the state, as you know, exists throughout many diverse industries - from seafood products to manufacturing - why attack this cottage industry and the many self employed vendors who depend for their livelihood on craft making.

Sincerely,

Catherine Joan Petersen
Make It Alaskan Permit Holder